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TAGS: OVIP (CALIFANO, JOSEPH A. JR.), US, PL
SUBJ: POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO

REF: A. STATE 136044, B. STATE 136920

1. ON MAY 31, I MET WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH SLIWINSKI TO DELIVER THE LETTER CONTAINED IN REF A AND TO CONVEY THE OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF A AND REF B.

2. SLIWINSKI RECEIVED THE NEWS WITH REGRET. HE SAID, AS A SIMPLE PHYSICIAN (NOT A POLITICIAN), HE COULD NOT JUDGE THE REASONS FOR THE CANCELLATION. I EMPHASIZED THE POSTPONEMENT WAS IN NO WAY DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND, AND WE HOPED TO MAINTAIN OUR GOOD RELATIONS AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH EFFORTS IN THE HEALTH FIELDS.

3. SLIWINSKI ASKED IF THE SECRETARY COULD COME ONLY TO POLAND RATHER THAN IN TRANSIT TO THE USSR, BUT I REPLIED THAT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT THE TRIP TO BE MADE AT THIS TIME. I SAID THE SECRETARY MIGHT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABLE TO VISIT POLAND IN THE FALL AND SLIWINSKI SAID THE SECRETARY WOULD BE WELCOME AT ANY TIME. HE SUGGESTED THAT MRS. CALIFANO ACCOMPANY HER HUSBAND.

4. COMMENT: SLIWINSKI WAS CLEARLY UNPREPARED FOR THE NEWS OF THE CANCELLATION. HIS NOTES FOR THE MEETING CONSISTED OF A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY. HE

SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO NOTIFICATION FROM THE POLISH
FOREIGN MINISTRY (REF B).

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